

# APPENDIX A

## MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE

APPENDIX A.1  
APPLICANT'S NOTICE TO MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF  
INTENT TO USE ALTERNATIVE PERMITTING PROCESS



414 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

April 23, 2012

Dr. Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
350 Metro Square Building, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Notification of Intent to File a Route Permit Application Pursuant to the Alternative Permitting Process for the Upgrade of the Southwest Twin Cities (SWTC) Chaska Area 69 kV Transmission Line to 115 kV Capacity

Dear Dr. Haar:

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 7850.2800, subpart 2, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of its intent to submit an application for a route permit for the Upgrade of the Southwest Twin Cities Chaska Area 69 kV Transmission Line to 115 kV Capacity ("Project") following the alternative permitting procedures in Minnesota Rules 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

The proposed Project involves constructing approximately 8.5 miles of new 115 kilovolt ("kV") single circuit transmission line facilities and converting approximately 2.9 miles of an existing 69 kV line to operate at 115 kV. The Project initiates from a transmission structure located approximately 1.25 miles west of the Augusta Substation and extends through Dahlgren, Laketown, Carver, and Jackson townships, and the city of Chaska.

Xcel Energy plans to file the application in May 2012. We will work with Commission and the Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting ("EFP") Staff to address any comments they have in order to expedite application acceptance and completion of the environmental assessment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sage Tauber'.

Sage Tauber  
Permitting Analyst

cc: Bob Cupit, MN PUC  
Deb Pile, EFP

bcc: Chris Ayika, Xcel Energy  
Mara Koeller, Xcel Energy  
Paul Lehman, Xcel Energy